# Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 51113 Oxy Vinyls, LP RN100224674 Docket No. 2015-1241-AIR-E

**Order Type:** 

1660 Agreed Order

**Findings Order Justification:** 

N/A

Media:

AIR

**Small Business:** 

No

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

Geon-Oxy Vinyl, 2400 Miller Cut Off Road, La Porte, Harris County

Type of Operation:

Chemical manufacturing plant

**Other Significant Matters:** 

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: No

Past-Due Penalties: No

Other: N/A

Interested Third-Parties: None

Texas Register Publication Date: January 22, 2016

Comments Received: No

**Penalty Information** 

Total Penalty Assessed: \$13,680

Amount Deferred for Expedited Settlement: \$2,736 Amount Deferred for Financial Inability to Pay: \$0

**Total Paid to General Revenue:** \$5,472 **Total Due to General Revenue:** \$0

Payment Plan: N/A

**Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP") Conditional Offset:** \$5,472

Name of SEP: Houston-Galveston Area Council-AERCO (Third-Party Pre-

Approved)

**Compliance History Classifications:** 

Person/CN - Satisfactory Site/RN - Satisfactory

Major Source: Yes

**Statutory Limit Adjustment:** N/A

Applicable Penalty Policy: September 2002 and April 2014

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# **Investigation Information**

Complaint Date(s): N/A Complaint Information: N/A

Date(s) of Investigation: March 16, 2015 through May 29, 2015 and May 20, 2015

through June 2, 2015

Date(s) of NOE(s): July 20, 2015 and July 23, 2015

# Violation Information

- 1. Failed to conduct stack testing by the required deadline. Specifically, the Respondent failed to conduct the initial compliance testing on Cracking Furnace 105, Emission Point Number ("EPN") IND105, and Cracking Furnace 106, EPN IND106, by the March 31, 2007 deadline. The initial compliance tests for EPNs IND105 and IND106 were not conducted until December 12, 2011 through December 13, 2011 [30 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 117.335(a)(4), 117.9020(2)(C)(i), and 122.143(4), Federal Operating Permit ("FOP") No. O1324, Special Terms and Conditions No. 29.A.(i)(1), and Tex. Health & Safety Code § 382.085(b)].
- 2. Failed to comply with the maximum allowable emissions rate. Specifically, the Respondent exceeded the nitrogen oxides ("NOx") maximum hourly permitted rate of 9.18 pounds per hour ("lbs/hr") for Incinerator B Scrubber, EPN IND101B, by an average of 1.04 lbs/hr for three hours on January 20, 2013 and an average of 0.39 lb/hr for five hours on November 14, 2013, resulting in the unauthorized release of approximately 5.07 pounds of NOx [30 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 116.115(b)(2)(F) and (c) and 122.143(4), New Source Review Permit No. 3855B, Special Conditions No. 1, FOP No. O1324, Special Terms and Conditions No. 24, and Tex. Health & Safety Code § 382.085(b)].

# $Corrective \ Actions/Technical \ Requirements$

# **Corrective Action(s) Completed:**

The Respondent has implemented the following corrective measures:

- a. By December 13, 2011, conducted stack testing for Cracking Furnace 105, EPN IND105, and Cracking Furnace 106, EPN IND106; and
- b. By May 28, 2015, converted from ammonia to monoethanolamine for the control of pH in the blend tanks in order to comply with the hourly maximum allowable emissions rate at Incinerator B Scrubber, EPN IND101B.

# **Technical Requirements:**

The Order will require the Respondent to implement and complete a SEP (see SEP Attachment A).

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# Litigation Information

Date Petition(s) Filed: N/A Date Answer(s) Filed: N/A SOAH Referral Date: N/A Hearing Date(s): N/A Settlement Date: N/A

# **Contact Information**

TCEQ Attorney: N/A

**TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator:** Raime Hayes-Falero, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 5, MC R-12, (713) 767-3567; Melissa Cordell, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-2483

TCEQ SEP Coordinator: Stuart Beckley, SEP Coordinator, Enforcement Division,

MC 219, (512) 239-3565

Respondent: Wade Alleman, Senior Vice President of Manufacturing, Engineering, &

Technology, Oxy Vinyls, LP, 2400 Miller Cut Off Road, La Porte, Texas 77571

Brent Webber, Plant Manager, Oxy Vinyls, LP, 2400 Miller Cut Off Road, La Porte,

Texas 77571

**Respondent's Attorney:** N/A

#### Attachment A

# Docket Number: 2015-1241-AIR-E

#### SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Respondent:	Oxy Vinyls, LP				
Penalty Amount:	Ten Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Four Dollars (\$10,944)				
SEP Offset Amount:	Five Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars (\$5,472)				
Type of SEP:	Contribution to a Third-Party Pre-Approved SEP				
Third-Party Administrator: Houston-Galveston Area Council-AERCO					
<b>Project Name:</b>	Project Name: Clean Vehicles Partnership Project				
Galveston, Hardin, Harris, H	Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Houston, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Matagorda,				

Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Newton, Orange, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Trinity, Tyler, Walker, Waller, and Wharton Counties

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ") agrees to offset a portion of the administrative penalty amount assessed in this Agreed Order for the Respondent to contribute to a Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP"). The offset is equal to the SEP Offset Amount set forth above and is conditioned upon completion of the project in accordance with the terms of this Attachment A.

#### 1. **Project Description**

#### Project a.

The Respondent shall contribute the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator named above. The contribution will be to the **Houston-Galveston Area Council-AERCO** for the *Clean Vehicles Partnership Project*. The contribution will be used in accordance with the SEP between the Third-Party Administrator and the TCEQ (the "Project"). Specifically, the SEP Offset Amount will be used to to replace old, higher emission buses that do not meet 2010 Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") emissions standards ("Old Buses") with new, lower emission buses that meet the most recent EPA emissions standards ("New Buses") or to retrofit or convert Old Buses with emissions reducing equipment. The Third-Party Administrator shall allocate the SEP Offset Amount to public entities such as school districts, local governments, and public transit authorities ("SEP Administrators") that apply for replacement, retrofit, or conversion of buses.

The SEP Offset Amount may also be used for retrofit or conversion technology that brings an Old Bus up to current EPA emissions standards. New Buses may be alternative-fueled. The SEP Offset Amount may be used for up to 100% of the

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replacement, conversion, or retrofit cost. The SEP Offset Amount will be used only for purchase of New Buses or conversion or retrofit equipment and contract labor for installation of equipment. The SEP Offset Amount will not be used for financing such a purchase through a lease-purchase or similar agreement.

Retrofitting means reducing exhaust emissions to current standards by installing devices that are verified or certified by the EPA or the California Air Resources Board as proven retrofit technologies. Converting means replacing an engine system with an alternative fuel engine system to bring the Old Bus within the current EPA emissions standards. Buses to be replaced, retrofitted, or converted must be in regular use (driven at least five hundred miles per year for at least the past two years) by the SEP Administrator and must not already be scheduled for replacement in the following twenty-four months. All replaced buses must be fully decommissioned. The Third-Party Administrator shall provide proof of decommissioning to TCEQ for each replaced vehicle by submitting a copy of the TCEQ SEP Vehicle Replacement Disposition Form. The SEP will be done in accordance with all federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations.

All dollars contributed will be used solely for the direct cost of implementing the Project, including, but not limited to supplies, materials, and equipment. Any portion of this contribution that is not spent on the specifically identified SEP may, at the discretion of the Executive Director ("ED"), be applied to another pre-approved SEP.

The Respondent's signature affixed to this Agreed Order certifies that the Respondent has no prior commitment to make this contribution and that it is being contributed solely in an effort to settle this enforcement action. The Respondent shall not profit in any manner from this SEP.

#### b. Environmental Benefit

This SEP will directly benefit air quality by reducing harmful exhaust emissions that contribute to the formation of ozone and may cause or exacerbate a number of respiratory diseases, including asthma. For example, by replacing a 1989 diesel bus with a 2010 ultra-low emission model, passengers' exposure to nitrogen oxides may be reduced by 98 percent; volatile organic compounds by 93 percent; carbon dioxide by 83 percent; and particulate matter by 99 percent. In addition, by encouraging less bus idling, this SEP contributes to public awareness of air pollution and air quality.

# c. Minimum Expenditure

The Respondent shall contribute at least the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator and comply with all other provisions of this SEP.

#### 2. Performance Schedule

Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, the Respondent must contribute the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator. The Respondent shall make the check payable to **Houston-Galveston Area Council-AERCO SEP** and shall mail the contribution with a copy of the Agreed Order to the following address.

Houston-Galveston Area Council-AERCO P.O. Box 22777 Houston, Texas 77227-2777

# 3. Records and Reporting

Concurrent with the payment of the SEP Offset Amount, Respondent shall provide the Enforcement SEP Coordinator with a copy of the check and transmittal letter indicating full payment of the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator. The Respondent shall mail a copy of the check and transmittal letter to the following address.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Enforcement Division Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 219 P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087

# 4. Failure to Fully Perform

If the Respondent does not perform its obligations under this Attachment A, including full expenditure of the SEP Offset Amount and submittal of the required reporting described in Sections 2 and 3 above, the ED may require immediate payment of all or part of the SEP Offset Amount.

In the event the ED determines that the Respondent failed to fully implement and complete the Project, the Respondent shall remit payment for all or a portion of the SEP Offset Amount, as determined by the ED, and as set forth in the attached Agreed Order. After receiving notice of failure to complete the SEP, the Respondent shall include the docket number of the attached Agreed Order and a note that the enclosed payment is for the reimbursement of a SEP; shall make the check payable to "Texas Commission on Environmental Quality"; and shall mail it to the following address.

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> Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Litigation Division Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 175 P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087

# 5. Publicity

Any public statements concerning this SEP and/or project, made by or on behalf of the Respondent must include a clear statement that **the Project was performed as part of the settlement of an enforcement action brought by the TCEQ**. Such statements include advertising, public relations, and press releases.

# 6. Recognition

The Respondent may not seek recognition for this contribution in any other state or federal regulatory program.

# 7. Other SEPs by TCEQ or Other Agencies

The SEP Offset Amount identified in this Attachment A and in the attached Agreed Order has not been, and shall not be, included as a SEP for the Respondent under any other Agreed Order negotiated with the TCEQ or any other agency of the state or federal government.

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TCEQ	eptember 2002)		PCW Revision October 30, 2008
DATES Assigned PCW		15 EPA Due	]
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Respondent Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	Oxy Vinyls, LP		
Facility/Site Region	12-Houston	Major/Minor Source	Major
CASE INFORMATION			
Enf./Case ID No.		No. of Violations	1
	2015-1241-AIR-E	Order Type	1660
Media Program(s)	Air	Government/Non-Profit	
Multi-Media			Raime Hayes-Falero Enforcement Team 5
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Culpability	No <b>0.0</b>	% Enhancement	Subtotal 4 \$0
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Notes	The Respondent does not meet	the culpability criteria.	
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PAYABLE PENALTY	· •		\$2,304

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002) PCW Revision October 30, 2008

Respondent Oxy Vinyls, LP **Case ID No.** 51113

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN100224674

Media [Statute] Air

Enf. Coordinator Raime Hayes-Falero

# **Compliance History Worksheet**

>>	<b>Compliance History</b>	Site	<b>Enhancement</b>	(Subtotal 2)

Component	Number of	Enter Number Here	Adjust.
NOVs	Written notices of violation ("NOVs") with same or similar violations as those in the current enforcement action (number of NOVs meeting criteria)	2	10%
	Other written NOVs		0%
	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (number of orders meeting criteria)	3	60%
Orders	Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission		0%
Judgments and Consent Decrees	Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government (number of judgments or consent decrees meeting criteria)		0%
	Any adjudicated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees without a denial of liability, of this state or the federal government		0%
Convictions	Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government (number of counts)	0	0%
Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events (number of events)	0	0%
Audits	Letters notifying the executive director of an intended audit conducted under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (number of audits for which notices were submitted)	t i	-1%
Audits	Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (number of audits for which violations were disclosed)	i	0%
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	Environmental management systems in place for one year or more	No	0%
1	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	No	0%
30,,3,	Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program	No	0%
	Early compliance with, or offer of a product that meets future state or federal government environmental requirements	No	0%

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 2) 69%

>> Repeat Violator (Subtotal 3)

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3)

>> Compliance History Person Classification (Subtotal 7)

Satisfactory Performer

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7)

>> Compliance History Summary

Compliance History Notes

Enhancement for two NOVs with same/similar violations and three orders with denial of liability. Reduction for one Notice of Intent to conduct an audit.

Total Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7)

Respondent Oxy Vinyls, LP Policy Revision 2 (September 2002) **Case ID No.** 51113 PCW Revision October 30, 2008 Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN100224674 Media [Statute] Air Enf. Coordinator Raime Hayes-Falero **Violation Number** 30 Tex. Admin. Code  $\S\S$  117.335(a)(4), 117.9020(2)(C)(i), and 122.143(4), Rule Cite(s) Federal Operating Permit No. 01324, Special Terms and Conditions No. 29.A.(i)(1), and Tex. Health & Safety Code § 382.085(b) Failed to conduct stack testing by the required deadline. Specifically, the Respondent failed to conduct the initial compliance testing on Cracking Furnace 105, Emission Point Number ("EPN") IND105, and Cracking Furnace 106, EPN Violation Description IND106, by the March 31, 2007 deadline. The initial compliance tests for EPNs IND105 and IND106 were not conducted until December 12, 2011 through December 13, 2011. \$10,000 Base Penalty >> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix Harm Release Major Moderate Minor OR Actual Potential Percent 10% >>Programmatic Matrix Falsification Major Moderate Minor Percent 0% Human health or the environment will or could be exposed to insignificant amounts of pollutants Matrix that would not exceed levels that are protective of human health or environmental receptors as a Notes result of the violation. Adjustment \$9,000 \$1,000 Violation Events Number of Violation Events Number of violation days daily weekly monthly mark only one quarterly Violation Base Penalty \$2,000 with an x semiannual annual single event Two single events are recommended: one for each EPN. Good Faith Efforts to Comply 25.0% \$500 Reduction Before NOV NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer Extraordinary Ordinary N/A (mark with x) The Respondent completed corrective action on Notes December 13, 2011, before the July 20, 2015 Notice of Enforcement ("NOE"). **Violation Subtotal** \$1,500 **Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation Statutory Limit Test** Estimated EB Amount \$4,207 Violation Final Penalty Total \$2,880 This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$2,880 

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**PCW** 

Screening Date 13-Aug-2015

#### **Economic Benefit Worksheet** Respondent Oxy Vinyls, LP Case ID No. 51113 Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN100224674 Percent Interest Depreciation Media Air Violation No. 1 5.0 Item Cost Date Required Final Date Yrs Interest Saved Onetime Costs **EB** Amount Item Description No commas or \$ **Delayed Costs** 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 Equipment Buildings 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 Other (as needed) 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 Engineering/Construction 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 Land 0.00 \$0 n/a \$0 Record Keeping System 0.00 n/a \$0 Training/Sampling 0.00 \$0 \$0 n/a Remediation/Disposal 0.00 \$0 n/a \$0 0.00 \$0 **Permit Costs** \$0 n/a 31-Mar-2007 13-Dec-2011 Other (as needed) Estimated cost to conduct stack testing for Cracking Furnace 105, EPN IND105, and Cracking Furnace 106, EPN IND106. The Date Required is the date the stack tests were due and the Final Date is the date of Notes for DELAYED costs compliance. ANNUALIZE [1] avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs) **Avoided Costs** Disposal 0.00 \$0 Personnel 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 Inspection/Reporting/Sampling 0.00

Supplies/Equipment 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 Financial Assurance [2] 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 ONE-TIME avoided costs (3) 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 Other (as needed) Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance \$17,876 TOTAL \$4,207

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DATES Assigned PCW		EPA Due	]	
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	Oxy Vinyls, LP			
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.				
Facility/Site Region	12-Houston	Major/Minor Source	Major	
CASE INFORMATION				
Enf./Case ID No.	51113	No. of Violations	1	
-	2015-1241-AIR-E	Order Type		
Media Program(s)	Air	Government/Non-Profit		
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Admin. Penalty \$ I	Limit Minimum \$0 Maximum	\$25,000		
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Notes	Deferral offered for expedite	ed settlement.		

\$8,640

**PAYABLE PENALTY** 

Screening Date 2-Sep-2015

Respondent Oxy Vinyls, LP

**Case ID No.** 51113

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN100224674

Media [Statute] Air

Enf. Coordinator Raime Hayes-Falero

Policy Revision 4 (April 2014)

PCW Revision March 26, 2014

# **Compliance History Worksheet**

#### > Compliance History Site Enhancement (Subtotal 2)

Number of	Enter Number Here	Adjust.	
Written notices of violation ("NOVs") with same or similar violations as those in the current enforcement action (number of NOVs meeting criteria)	2	10%	
Other written NOVs	0	0%	
Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (number of orders meeting criteria)	3	60%	
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of liability of this state or the federal government (number of judgments or consent decrees meeting criteria)		0%	
Any adjudicated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated		0%	
Convictions Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government (number of counts)			
Chronic excessive emissions events (number of events)	0	0%	
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Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (number of audits for which violations were disclosed)	1	0%	
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Other	Environmental management systems in place for one year or more	No	0%
	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	No	0%
	Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program	No	0%
	Early compliance with, or offer of a product that meets future state or federal government environmental requirements	No	0%

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 2) 69%

### >> Repeat Violator (Subtotal 3)

No

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3)

0%

### >> Compliance History Person Classification (Subtotal 7)

Satisfactory Performer

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7)

0%

#### >> Compliance History Summary

Compliance History Notes

Enhancement for two NOVs with same/similar violations and three orders with denial of liability.

Reduction for one Notice of Intent to conduct an audit.

Total Compliance History Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7)

>> Final Compliance History Adjustment

Final Adjustment Percentage \*capped at 100%

69%

	<b>Date</b> 2-Sep-20		Dock	<b>et No.</b> 2015-124	1-AIR-E	PCW
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## **Economic Benefit Worksheet**

Respondent Oxy Vinyls, LP Case ID No. 51113

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN100224674

Media Air Violation No. 1

Percent Interest Years of Depreciation

5.0

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Item Cost Date Required Final Date Yrs Interest Saved Onetime Costs EB Amount Item Description No commas or \$

De	laved	Costs

Equipment	
Buildings	
Other (as needed)	
Engineering/Construction	
Land	
Record Keeping System	
Training/Sampling	
Remediation/Disposal	
Permit Costs	

			0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
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\$60,459	20-Jan-2013	28-May-2015	2.35	\$7,106	n/a	\$7,106

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated cost to convert from ammonia to monoethanolamine for the control of pH in the blend tanks in order to comply with the hourly maximum allowable emissions rate at Incinerator B Scrubber, EPN IND101B.

**Avoided Costs** 

Other (as needed)

Disposal Personnel Inspection/Reporting/Sampling Supplies/Equipment Financial Assurance [2] ONE-TIME avoided costs [3] Other (as needed)

ANNUALIZE [1] avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)					
		0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance \$60,459



# Compliance History Report

PUBLISHED Compliance History Report for CN600129126, RN100224674, Rating Year 2014 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2009, through August 31, 2014.

Customer, Respondent, or CN600129126, Oxy Vinyls, LP Classification: SATISFACTORY Rating: 2.55 Owner/Operator:

Regulated Entity: RN100224674, GEON-OXY VINYL Classification: SATISFACTORY Rating: 6.41

24 **Complexity Points:** Repeat Violator: NO

05 - Chemical Manufacturing CH Group:

Location: 2400 MILLER CUT OFF RD LA PORTE, TX 77571-9759, HARRIS COUNTY

TCEQ Region: **REGION 12 - HOUSTON** 

ID Number(s):

AIR OPERATING PERMITS ACCOUNT NUMBER HG0193B **AIR OPERATING PERMITS PERMIT 1324** 

WASTEWATER PERMIT WQ0002097000 WASTEWATER EPA ID TX0070416

PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK REGISTRATION REGISTRATION **AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS PERMIT 3855B** 

12124 **AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS REGISTRATION 31148 AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS REGISTRATION 40916** 

**AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS REGISTRATION 41432 AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS ACCOUNT NUMBER HG0193B** 

**AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS REGISTRATION 52249** AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS AFS NUM 4820100320

ATR NEW SOURCE PERMITS EPA PERMIT PSDTX876 **AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS REGISTRATION 92878** 

**AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS REGISTRATION 94363 AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS REGISTRATION 109765** 

**AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS REGISTRATION 127138 AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS REGISTRATION 112898 AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS REGISTRATION 120953 AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS REGISTRATION 114434** 

**AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS REGISTRATION 107553 AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS REGISTRATION 107801** 

**AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS REGISTRATION 117716 AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS REGISTRATION 123240** 

**INDUSTRIAL AND HAZARDOUS WASTE EPA ID** INDUSTRIAL AND HAZARDOUS WASTE SOLID WASTE TXD070133319 REGISTRATION # (SWR) 31077

**PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM/SUPPLY REGISTRATION 1011153** IHW CORRECTIVE ACTION SOLID WASTE REGISTRATION #

(SWR) 31077

**AIR EMISSIONS INVENTORY ACCOUNT NUMBER HG0193B POLLUTION PREVENTION PLANNING ID NUMBER P00718** 

Compliance History Period: September 01, 2009 to August 31, 2014 09/01/2014 Rating Year: 2014 Rating Date:

**Date Compliance History Report Prepared:** August 13, 2015

Enforcement

Component Period Selected: August 13, 2010 to August 13, 2015

TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding This Compliance History.

Name: Raime Hayes-Falero Phone: (713) 767-3567

#### Site and Owner/Operator History:

1) Has the site been in existence and/or operation for the full five year compliance period?

YES

2) Has there been a (known) change in ownership/operator of the site during the compliance period?

NO

3) If YES for #2, who is the current owner/operator? N/A 4) If YES for #2, who was/were the prior

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History:

N/A

owner(s)/operator(s)?

N/A

5) If **YES**, when did the change(s) in owner or operator occur?

Components (Multimedia) for the Site Are Listed in Sections A - J

# A. Final Orders, court judgments, and consent decrees:

1 Effective Date: 06/07/2012 ADMINORDER 2011-1928-AIR-E (1660 Order-Agreed Order With Denial) Classification: Moderate

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 116, SubChapter B 116.115(b)(2)(F)

30 TAC Chapter 116, SubChapter B 116.115(c) 30 TAC Chapter 122, SubChapter B 122.143(4)

5C THSC Chapter 382 382.085(b)

Rqmt Prov: No.3855B, Special Condition #1 PERMIT

Special Conditions No. 1 PERMIT

Special Terms and Cond. Nos. 1 and 21 PERMIT

Description: Failed to prevent unauthorized emissions. Specifically, 467 pounds of vinyl chloride monomer were released from a piping tee in the Cracking and Purification Unit during an avoidable emission event (Incident No. 156401) that began on July 3, 2011 and lasted ten minutes. The release occurred when a rupture disk failed on a 2" Vent Chiller Pumpout Line. Although the disk failed as designed, due to hydraulic shock, the piping tee was missing a plug. Since the emission event was avoidable by bet

2 Effective Date: 08/05/2012 ADMINORDER 2011-2352-AIR-E (1660 Order-Agreed Order With Denial)

Classification: Moderate

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 101, SubChapter A 101.20(3)

30 TAC Chapter 116, SubChapter B 116.115(c)

30 TAC Chapter 122, SubChapter B 122.143(4) 5C THSC Chapter 382 382.085(b)

Rqmt Prov: SC-1 PERMIT

Special Terms & Conditions No. 21 OP

Description: Failed to prevent unauthorized emissions.

3 Effective Date: 06/03/2013 ADMINORDER 2012-2179-AIR-E (1660 Order-Agreed Order With Denial)

Classification: Moderate

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 116, SubChapter B 116.115(c)

30 TAC Chapter 122, SubChapter B 122.143(4)

5C THSC Chapter 382 382.085(b)

Rqmt Prov: SC 1 OP

Special Terms & Conditions No. 24 OP

Description: Failure to prevent unauthorized emissions of Vinyl Chloride during an emissions event. A12.i.(1)

Classification: Moderate

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 116, SubChapter B 116.115(c)

30 TAC Chapter 122, SubChapter B 122.143(4)

5C THSC Chapter 382 382.085(b)

Rqmt Prov: Special Condition 1 PERMIT

Special Terms and Conditions No. 24 OP

Description: Failure to prevent unauthorized emissions due to failure of the seal flush tubing. Sub-category: A12(i)(1).

Classification: Minor

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 101, SubChapter F 101.201(b)(1)(H)

5C THSC Chapter 382 382.085(b)

Rqmt Prov: General Terms and Conditions OP

Special Terms and Conditions No. 2F OP

Description: Failure to include the permit authorization on the final report for Incident Nos 171901 and 172423. Violation Track numbers 478994 and 477818 were combined into one violation and 477818 was deleted.

#### **B.** Criminal convictions:

N/A

#### C. Chronic excessive emissions events:

N/A

#### D. The approval dates of investigations (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.):

			,
Item 1	August 20,	2010	(867825)
Item 2	August 25,	2010	(830073)
Item 3	September	01, 2010	(827164)
Item 4	September	03, 2010	(830348)
Item 5	October 19,	2010	(874781)
Item 6	November 2	23, 2010	(882370)
Item 7	December 2	22, 2010	(888823)

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Item 8	January 06, 2011	(897183)
Item 9	January 20, 2011	(903086)
Item 10	February 18, 2011	(909958)
Item 11	March 21, 2011	(917200)
Item 12	April 20, 2011	(927633)
Item 13	May 16, 2011	(938897)
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Item 14	June 10, 2011	(912348)
Item 15	June 13, 2011	(946271)
Item 16	July 20, 2011	(953542)
Item 17	August 18, 2011	(960170)
Item 18	September 19, 2011	(966223)
Item 19	October 21, 2011	(972242)
Item 20	December 19, 2011	(985212)
Item 21	January 19, 2012	(991485)
Item 22	February 17, 2012	(998835)
Item 23	March 08, 2012	(976090)
Item 24	March 12, 2012	(1004365)
Item 25	March 28, 2012	(983535)
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Item 26	April 11, 2012	(983123)
Item 27	April 20, 2012	(1010928)
Item 28	May 02, 2012	(1002196)
Item 29	May 16, 2012	(1017299)
Item 30	June 12, 2012	(1025094)
Item 31	August 17, 2012	(1038860)
Item 32	August 23, 2012	(1028212)
Item 33	September 24, 2012	(1047760)
Item 34	October 17, 2012	(1065560)
Item 35	October 26, 2012	(1040967)
Item 36	November 16, 2012	(1065561)
Item 37	•	
	December 12, 2012	(1065562)
Item 38	January 18, 2013	(1080909)
Item 39	January 22, 2013	(1154119)
Item 40	February 15, 2013	(1080908)
Item 41	March 11, 2013	(1090222)
Item 42	April 19, 2013	(1096599)
Item 43	May 15, 2013	(1107557)
Item 44	June 17, 2013	(1111203)
Item 45	July 15, 2013	(1118098)
Item 46	August 22, 2013	(1125894)
Item 47	September 16, 2013	(1130439)
Item 48	October 18, 2013	(1136213)
Item 49	November 04, 2013	(1114921)
Item 50	•	
Item 51	November 19, 2013	(1141587)
	December 16, 2013	(1148047)
Item 52	February 21, 2014	(1161442)
Item 53	March 13, 2014	(1168085)
Item 54	April 03, 2014	(1152844)
Item 55	April 15, 2014	(1175241)
Item 56	May 14, 2014	(1181432)
Item 57	June 19, 2014	(1188331)
Item 58	August 18, 2014	(1200015)
Item 59	September 15, 2014	(1116307)
Item 60	September 22, 2014	(1206703)
Item 61	October 22, 2014	(1213113)
Item 62		
	November 24, 2014	(1193063)
Item 63	November 25, 2014	(1219370)
Item 64	December 15, 2014	(1225156)
Item 65	January 23, 2015	(1205427)
Item 66	February 12, 2015	(1243167)
Item 67	March 16, 2015	(1249530)

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Item 68	April 17, 2015	(1256408)
Item 69	May 15, 2015	(1263147)
Item 70	June 17, 2015	(1270291)
Item 71	June 30, 2015	(1247134)

#### E. Written notices of violations (NOV) (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.):

A notice of violation represents a written allegation of a violation of a specific regulatory requirement from the commission to a regulated entity. A notice of violation is not a final enforcement action, nor proof that a violation has actually occurred.

11/19/2014 (1197833)

Self Report? NO

Classification: Moderate

Citation:

30 TAC Chapter 116, SubChapter B 116.115(c)

5C THSC Chapter 382 382.085(b)

NSR 3855B, SC1 PERMIT

Description:

Failure to meet the demonstration criteria for an affirmative defense for unauthorized

emissions during an emissions event. (Category B13)

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Date:

06/26/2015

(1193391)

CN600129126

Minor

Self Report? Citation:

NO

30 TAC Chapter 115, SubChapter D 115.352(4)

30 TAC Chapter 116, SubChapter B 116.115(c) 30 TAC Chapter 122, SubChapter B 122.143(4)

40 CFR Chapter 63, SubChapter C, PT 63, SubPT H 63.167(a)(1)

5C THSC Chapter 382 382.085(b) Special Condition 29E PERMIT

ST&C 1A and 24 OP

Description:

Failure to prevent open ended lines

Self Report?

Classification:

Classification:

Minor

Citation:

30 TAC Chapter 117, SubChapter B 117.310(f)

30 TAC Chapter 122, SubChapter B 122,143(4)

5C THSC Chapter 382 382.085(b)

Special terms and Conditions (ST&C) 1A OP

Description:

Failure to prevent operation of any stationary diesel or dual-fuel engine for testing or

maintenance between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and noon.

#### F. Environmental audits:

Notice of Intent Date:

10/01/2012 (1037179)

No DOV Associated

#### G. Type of environmental management systems (EMSs):

N/A

#### H. Voluntary on-site compliance assessment dates:

#### I. Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program:

N/A

### J. Early compliance:

N/A

#### Sites Outside of Texas:

N/A

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



IN THE MATTER OF AN	§	BEFORE THE
ENFORCEMENT ACTION	§	
CONCERNING	§	TEXAS COMMISSION ON
OXY VINYLS, LP	§	
RN100224674	§	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

## AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2015-1241-AIR-E

## I. JURISDICTION AND STIPULATIONS

On \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement action regarding Oxy Vinyls, LP ("Respondent") under the authority of Tex. Health & Safety Code ch. 382 and Tex. Water Code ch. 7. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement Division, and the Respondent together stipulate that:

- The Respondent owns and operates a chemical manufacturing plant located at 2400 Miller Cut Off Road in La Porte, Harris County, Texas (the "Plant").
- 2. The Plant consists of one or more sources as defined in Tex. Health & Safety Code § 382.003(12).
- 3. The Executive Director and the Respondent agree that the Commission has jurisdiction to enter this Agreed Order, and that the Respondent is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.
- 4. The Respondent received notices of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations") on or about July 25, 2015 and July 28, 2015.
- 5. The occurrence of any violation is in dispute and the entry of this Agreed Order shall not constitute an admission by the Respondent of any violation alleged in Section II ("Allegations"), nor of any statute or rule.
- 6. An administrative penalty in the amount of Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$13,680) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). The Respondent has paid Five Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars (\$5,472) of the administrative penalty and Two Thousand Seven

Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars (\$2,736) is deferred contingent upon the Respondent's timely and satisfactory compliance with all the terms of this Agreed Order. The deferred amount will be waived upon full compliance with the terms of this Agreed Order. If the Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with all requirements of this Agreed Order, the Executive Director may require the Respondent to pay all or part of the deferred penalty. Five Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars (\$5,472) shall be conditionally offset by the Respondent's completion of a Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP").

- 7. Any notice and procedures, which might otherwise be authorized or required in this action, are waived in the interest of a more timely resolution of the matter.
- 8. The Executive Director and the Respondent agree on a settlement of the matters alleged in this enforcement action, subject to final approval in accordance with 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(a).
- 9. The Executive Director recognizes that the Respondent has implemented the following corrective measures at the Plant:
  - a. By December 13, 2011, conducted stack testing for Cracking Furnace 105, Emission Point Number ("EPN") IND105, and Cracking Furnace 106, EPN IND106; and
  - b. By May 28, 2015, converted from ammonia to monoethanolamine for the control of pH in the blend tanks in order to comply with the hourly maximum allowable emissions rate at Incinerator B Scrubber, EPN IND101B.
- 10. The Executive Director may, without further notice or hearing, refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings if the Executive Director determines that the Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Agreed Order.
- 11. This Agreed Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order, whichever is later.
- 12. The provisions of this Agreed Order are deemed severable and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Agreed Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable.

#### II. ALLEGATIONS

As owner and operator of the Plant, the Respondent is alleged to have:

- 1. Failed to conduct stack testing by the required deadline, in violation of 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§ 117.335(a)(4), 117.9020(2)(C)(i), and 122.143(4), Federal Operating Permit ("FOP") No. O1324, Special Terms and Conditions No. 29.A.(i)(1), and Tex. Health & SAFETY CODE § 382.085(b), as documented during a record review conducted from March 16, 2015 through May 29, 2015. Specifically, the Respondent failed to conduct the initial compliance testing on Cracking Furnace 105, EPN IND105, and Cracking Furnace 106, EPN IND106, by the March 31, 2007 deadline. The initial compliance tests for EPNs IND105 and IND106 were not conducted until December 12, 2011 through December 13, 2011.
- 2. Failed to comply with the maximum allowable emissions rate, in violation of 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§ 116.115(b)(2)(F) and (c) and 122.143(4), New Source Review Permit No. 3855B, Special Conditions No. 1, FOP No. 01324, Special Terms and Conditions No. 24, and Tex. Health & Safety Code § 382.085(b), as documented during an investigation conducted from May 20, 2015 through June 2, 2015. Specifically, the Respondent exceeded the nitrogen oxides ("NOx") maximum hourly permitted rate of 9.18 pounds per hour ("lbs/hr") for Incinerator B Scrubber, EPN IND101B, by an average of 1.04 lbs/hr for three hours on January 20, 2013 and an average of 0.39 lb/hr for five hours on November 14, 2013, resulting in the unauthorized release of approximately 5.07 pounds of NOx.

#### III. DENIALS

The Respondent generally denies each allegation in Section II ("Allegations").

### IV. ORDERING PROVISIONS

1. It is, therefore, ordered by the TCEQ that the Respondent pay an administrative penalty as set forth in Section I, Paragraph 6 above. The payment of this administrative penalty and the Respondent's compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order resolve only the allegations in Section II. The Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective action or penalties for violations which are not raised here. Administrative penalty payments shall be made payable to "TCEQ" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: Oxy Vinyls, LP, Docket No. 2015-1241-AIR-E" to:

Financial Administration Division, Revenue Operations Section Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P.O. Box 13088 Austin, Texas 78711-3088

2. The Respondent shall implement and complete a SEP in accordance with TEX. WATER CODE § 7.067. As set forth in Section I, Paragraph 6 above, Five Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars (\$5,472) of the assessed administrative penalty shall be offset with the condition that the SEP defined in Attachment A, incorporated herein by

- reference, is implemented by the Respondent. The Respondent's obligation to pay the conditionally offset portion of the assessed administrative penalty shall be discharged upon final completion of all provisions of the SEP agreement.
- 3. The provisions of this Agreed Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Respondent. The Respondent is ordered to give notice of the Agreed Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Plant operations referenced in this Agreed Order.
- 4. If the Respondent fails to comply with any of the Ordering Provisions in this Agreed Order within the prescribed schedules, and that failure is caused solely by an act of God, war, strike, riot, or other catastrophe, the Respondent's failure to comply is not a violation of this Agreed Order. The Respondent shall have the burden of establishing to the Executive Director's satisfaction that such an event has occurred. The Respondent shall notify the Executive Director within seven days after the Respondent becomes aware of a delaying event and shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate and minimize any delay.
- The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this Agreed Order or in any plan, report, or other document submitted pursuant to this Agreed Order, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions by the Respondent shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until the Respondent receives written approval from the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director.
- 6. This Agreed Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against the Respondent in a civil proceeding, unless the proceeding is brought by the OAG to: (1) enforce the terms of this Agreed Order; or (2) pursue violations of a statute within the Commission's jurisdiction, or of a rule adopted or an order or permit issued by the Commission under such a statute.
- This Agreed Order may be executed in separate and multiple counterparts, which 7. together shall constitute a single instrument. Any page of this Agreed Order may be copied, scanned, digitized, converted to electronic portable document format ("pdf"), or otherwise reproduced and may be transmitted by digital or electronic transmission, including but not limited to facsimile transmission and electronic mail. Any signature affixed to this Agreed Order shall constitute an original signature for all purposes and may be used, filed, substituted, or issued for any purpose for which an original signature could be used. The term "signature" shall include manual signatures and true and accurate reproductions of manual signatures created, executed, endorsed, adopted, or authorized by the person or persons to whom the signatures are attributable. Signatures may be copied or reproduced digitally, electronically, by photocopying, engraving. imprinting, lithographing, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, stamping, or any other means or process which the Executive Director deems acceptable. In this paragraph exclusively, the terms "electronic transmission", "owner", "person", "writing", and "written" shall have the meanings assigned to them under TEX. BUS. ORG. CODE § 1.002.
- 8. The effective date of this Order is the date it is signed by the Commission. A copy of this fully executed Order shall be provided to each of the parties.

# SIGNATURE PAGE

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission	Date		
For the Executive Director	1871L Date		
I, the undersigned, have read and understand the attac agree to the attached Agreed Order on behalf of the en- do agree to the terms and conditions specified therein. accepting payment for the penalty amount, is material	tity indicated below my signature, and I I further acknowledge that the TCEQ, in		
<ul> <li>I also understand that failure to comply with the Ordering Provisions, if any, in this order and/or failure to timely pay the penalty amount, may result in:</li> <li>A negative impact on compliance history;</li> <li>Greater scrutiny of any permit applications submitted;</li> <li>Referral of this case to the Attorney General's Office for contempt, injunctive relief, additional penalties, and/or attorney fees, or to a collection agency;</li> <li>Increased penalties in any future enforcement actions;</li> <li>Automatic referral to the Attorney General's Office of any future enforcement actions; and</li> <li>TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by law.</li> <li>In addition, any falsification of any compliance documents may result in criminal prosecution.</li> </ul>			
Wad Allem Signature	11/20/15 Date		
Name (Printed or typed) Authorized Representative of Oxy Vinyls, LP	Sh UP MANUFACTUREN, Title ENGENEERENS & TECHNOLOGY		

Instructions: Send the original, signed Agreed Order with penalty payment to the Financial Administration Division, Revenue Operations Section at the address in Section IV, Paragraph 1 of this Agreed Order.

#### Attachment A

# Docket Number: 2015-1241-AIR-E

#### SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Respondent:	Oxy Vinyls, LP	
Penalty Amount:	Ten Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Four Dollars (\$10,944)	
SEP Offset Amount:  Five Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars (\$5,472)		
Type of SEP: Contribution to a Third-Party Pre-Approved SE		
Third-Party Administrator: Houston-Galveston Area Council-AERCO		
Project Name: Clean Vehicles Partnership Project		
<u>Location of SEP:</u> Angelina, Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Hardin, Harris, Houston, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Newton, Orange, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San		

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ") agrees to offset a portion of the administrative penalty amount assessed in this Agreed Order for the Respondent to contribute to a Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP"). The offset is equal to the SEP Offset Amount set forth above and is conditioned upon completion of the project in accordance with the terms of this Attachment A.

Jacinto, Trinity, Tyler, Walker, Waller, and Wharton Counties

# 1. Project Description

### a. Project

The Respondent shall contribute the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator named above. The contribution will be to the **Houston-Galveston Area Council-AERCO** for the *Clean Vehicles Partnership Project*. The contribution will be used in accordance with the SEP between the Third-Party Administrator and the TCEQ (the "Project"). Specifically, the SEP Offset Amount will be used to to replace old, higher emission buses that do not meet 2010 Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") emissions standards ("Old Buses") with new, lower emission buses that meet the most recent EPA emissions standards ("New Buses") or to retrofit or convert Old Buses with emissions reducing equipment. The Third-Party Administrator shall allocate the SEP Offset Amount to public entities such as school districts, local governments, and public transit authorities ("SEP Administrators") that apply for replacement, retrofit, or conversion of buses.

The SEP Offset Amount may also be used for retrofit or conversion technology that brings an Old Bus up to current EPA emissions standards. New Buses may be alternative-fueled. The SEP Offset Amount may be used for up to 100% of the

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replacement, conversion, or retrofit cost. The SEP Offset Amount will be used only for purchase of New Buses or conversion or retrofit equipment and contract labor for installation of equipment. The SEP Offset Amount will not be used for financing such a purchase through a lease-purchase or similar agreement.

Retrofitting means reducing exhaust emissions to current standards by installing devices that are verified or certified by the EPA or the California Air Resources Board as proven retrofit technologies. Converting means replacing an engine system with an alternative fuel engine system to bring the Old Bus within the current EPA emissions standards. Buses to be replaced, retrofitted, or converted must be in regular use (driven at least five hundred miles per year for at least the past two years) by the SEP Administrator and must not already be scheduled for replacement in the following twenty-four months. All replaced buses must be fully decommissioned. The Third-Party Administrator shall provide proof of decommissioning to TCEQ for each replaced vehicle by submitting a copy of the TCEQ SEP Vehicle Replacement Disposition Form. The SEP will be done in accordance with all federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations.

All dollars contributed will be used solely for the direct cost of implementing the Project, including, but not limited to supplies, materials, and equipment. Any portion of this contribution that is not spent on the specifically identified SEP may, at the discretion of the Executive Director ("ED"), be applied to another pre-approved SEP.

The Respondent's signature affixed to this Agreed Order certifies that the Respondent has no prior commitment to make this contribution and that it is being contributed solely in an effort to settle this enforcement action. The Respondent shall not profit in any manner from this SEP.

#### b. Environmental Benefit

This SEP will directly benefit air quality by reducing harmful exhaust emissions that contribute to the formation of ozone and may cause or exacerbate a number of respiratory diseases, including asthma. For example, by replacing a 1989 diesel bus with a 2010 ultra-low emission model, passengers' exposure to nitrogen oxides may be reduced by 98 percent; volatile organic compounds by 93 percent; carbon dioxide by 83 percent; and particulate matter by 99 percent. In addition, by encouraging less bus idling, this SEP contributes to public awareness of air pollution and air quality.

# c. Minimum Expenditure

The Respondent shall contribute at least the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator and comply with all other provisions of this SEP.

#### 2. Performance Schedule

Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, the Respondent must contribute the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator. The Respondent shall make the check payable to **Houston-Galveston Area Council-AERCO SEP** and shall mail the contribution with a copy of the Agreed Order to the following address.

Houston-Galveston Area Council-AERCO P.O. Box 22777 Houston, Texas 77227-2777

# 3. Records and Reporting

Concurrent with the payment of the SEP Offset Amount, Respondent shall provide the Enforcement SEP Coordinator with a copy of the check and transmittal letter indicating full payment of the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator. The Respondent shall mail a copy of the check and transmittal letter to the following address.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Enforcement Division Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 219 P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087

# 4. Failure to Fully Perform

If the Respondent does not perform its obligations under this Attachment A, including full expenditure of the SEP Offset Amount and submittal of the required reporting described in Sections 2 and 3 above, the ED may require immediate payment of all or part of the SEP Offset Amount.

In the event the ED determines that the Respondent failed to fully implement and complete the Project, the Respondent shall remit payment for all or a portion of the SEP Offset Amount, as determined by the ED, and as set forth in the attached Agreed Order. After receiving notice of failure to complete the SEP, the Respondent shall include the docket number of the attached Agreed Order and a note that the enclosed payment is for the reimbursement of a SEP; shall make the check payable to "Texas Commission on Environmental Quality"; and shall mail it to the following address.

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> Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Litigation Division Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 175 P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087

# 5. Publicity

Any public statements concerning this SEP and/or project, made by or on behalf of the Respondent must include a clear statement that **the Project was performed as part of the settlement of an enforcement action brought by the TCEQ**. Such statements include advertising, public relations, and press releases.

# 6. Recognition

The Respondent may not seek recognition for this contribution in any other state or federal regulatory program.

# 7. Other SEPs by TCEQ or Other Agencies

The SEP Offset Amount identified in this Attachment A and in the attached Agreed Order has not been, and shall not be, included as a SEP for the Respondent under any other Agreed Order negotiated with the TCEQ or any other agency of the state or federal government.